(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not. since when telephone tapping has been stopped by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) At present, interception of Telephone messages is permissible only under Section 5(2) of Indian Telegraph Act, by authorised officers of Central and State Government under certain specific condition. Department of Telecom, only extends technical facilities when specifically requested by such authorised officers under these provisions of the Act.

Withdrawal of transit facilities by Pakistan

* 154. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan has withdrawn the transit facilities available to the Indian passengers in its Internationa! Airports;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether vjovernment have sent any letter of protest to the Pakistan Government in this matter and if so, what is Pakistan Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) whether there is likely to be any change in the schedule for the meetings of the two Foreign Secretaries in view of gross violation of Visa agreements and Joint Commissions decisions and also Pakistan's charge of transit facilities being misused by Indian intelligence agents?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

Statement

(a) to (c) The Government of Pakistan has withdrawn transit facilities for Indian nationals who arrive at Pakistani airports without obtaining a visa in advance. Such facilities, however, are not covered under the existing visa agreement between India and Pakistan.

Reports in the Pakistani Press on the Pakistani decision stated that the decision to withdraw the transit facility was being taken because the facility was being "gravely misused" by Indian nationals and that a large number of illegal Indian immigrants had stayed back in Pakistan.

Government rejected the allegation of misuse of the transit facility and denied the charge that a large number of Indian nationals had illegally stayed back. The matter was also taken up with the Government of Pakistan both at Islamabad and through their High Commission in New Delhi.

There is no change in the schedule of the Foreign Secretary level meeting.

Delhi police order on tinted glasses in Vehicles

*155. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police have ordered removal of tinted glasses from all vehicles, plying in Delhi, under the Motor Vehicles Act;

(b) if so, whether the orders of the Delhi Police cover Government vehicles also;

(c) whether the Delhi Police have started challaning the erring vehicle owners; and

(d) if so, the number of challans so far made after notification of the order?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) In April, 1991, the Delhi Police warned the Delhi motorists, through a press note of prosecution from 16fh May, 1991 in case of violation of the

provisions of Rules 100(2) of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 which stipulate that the glass of the windscreens, and the windows of every motor vehicles shall be such and shall be maintained in such condition as to be clearly transparent and allow the clear vision outside from inside and inside from outside.

Through another press release dated 10-5-1991, the motorists were informed that prosecution would start from 15-6-91.

Several representations were made to the Delhi Administration against these press releases. The Delhi Administration decided that in the first phase joint Teams of Traffic Police and the Transport Department should issuo warnings to the motorists to remove reflective solar films and non-reflective so' • films/ tinted glasses having visibility . . 0 *ry;~* cent. About 2700 motorists vure issued warnings in the month of June. The prosecution has yet been launched. The Delhi Administration have decided to launch prosecutions under Section 190(1) of the Motors Vehicles Act, 1988 from August, 1991 against erring motorists..

नए स्मारक टिकट जारी किया जाना

*156. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कुछ और स्मारक टिकट जारी करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या स्वर्गीय श्री राजीव गांधी की स्मृति में भी ऐसी टिकटें जारी की जायेंगी और इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतन्त्र प्रभार) (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) वर्ष 1991 की शेष अवधि के दौरान जो-जो स्मारक/विशेष डाक-टिकट जारी करने का प्रस्ताव है, उनके बारे में एक अस्थायी कार्यक्रम अनुबन्ध-I में दिया गया है।

(ग) जी, हां। स्व० श्री राजीव गांधी की स्मृति में इस वर्ष 20 अगस्त को एक स्मारक डाक-टिकट जारी करने का प्रस्ताव है।

Passport racket busted by Delhi Police

*157. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has recently busted a passport racket and arrested several persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the incriminating documents seized therefrom; and

(d) what further action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN); (a) Yes Sir. Three criminal cases have been registered in the recent past in this regard arid 16 persons arrested.

(b) to (d) The statement is laid on the Table of the House.

. Statement

(b) to (d) (i) Seven persons have been arrested in case FIR No. 85 dated-4-3-1991 u/s 410|420|468|471|472|473 IPC, Polio: Station Lajpat Nagar (South). The following incriminating documents have been seized:—

83 Indian passports; 30 US citizenship cards; 2 Canadian citizenship cards; 75 New York driving Cards; 10 notes of 100 dollars denomination; one currency note of hundred rupees 20 sealsjdyes of Embassies of USA and Middle-East; 16 negatives of